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Title: OBJECTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND OPTICAL PICKUP
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 233 pages, including 8 independent claims and 114 claims total.
2. Drawings- 17 sheets of drawings containing 26 Figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to KONICA MINOLTA HOLDINGS, INC.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-318795, filed October 31, 2002, 2002-335205, filed November 19, 2002, 2002-339165, filed November 22, 2002, and 2002-345063, filed November 28, 2002.
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ \$770.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-318795, filed October 31, 2002, 2002-335205, filed November 19, 2002, 2002-339165, filed November 22, 2002, and 2002-345063, filed November 28, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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